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SUBJECT: DOD CONTRACTORS AND TRANSITION FROM COALITION  
PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY (CPA) TO EMBASSY BAGHDAD

REFERENCES: A) KUWAIT 00147, B) KUWAIT 00123 C) KUWAIT 345

1. Summary and Action Request: U.S. contractors in Kuwait provide critical logistical and administrative services to CPA. How those functions will be assured after the transition from CPA to Embassy Baghdad needs to be determined - time being of the essence. Action Request: Request State Department confirm whether DOD contracts in Kuwait will continue under same DOD administration after CPA is replaced by Embassy Baghdad. End Summary and Action Request.

2. Currently, U.S. contractors in Kuwait provide the following services (short summary) to CPA and U.S. and Coalition military forces in Kuwait and Iraq, predominantly under the Logistics Civil Augmentation Program (LOGCAP) contract. The Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA) in Kuwait and Iraq has oversight of the task orders on this contract.

A. Facilities management and base camp operations  
--Facility management for all transient and non-transient living accommodations, office spaces, shower and toilet facilities and other buildings on the respective military compounds.  
--Operations, repairs, renovations, refurbishment, maintenance and cleaning of all facilities.

B. Billeting and office space  
--Facilities that support both billeting and office space for all CPA personnel, including those residing in, or transiting through Kuwait. Facilities must be fully furnished and have access to water, electricity and communication lines. All linens, blankets and pillows are provided.

C. Laundry service  
--Full-service laundry and dry cleaning services, and cleaning and repair of organizational clothing and individual equipment. Self-service laundry facilities are also provided as directed.

D. Food service operations  
--Three hot meals per day for all CPA personnel, co-located military personnel and government contractors.  
--Contingency stocks of MREs and bottled water for emergency and forward deployment requirements.

E. Communications  
--A full range of communications systems that allow CPA personnel to communicate and navigate.  
--Technical personnel to set up, operate and maintain all required communications systems.  
--Global Positioning System (GPS), hand-held radios and cell phones.

F. Office automation equipment/supplies  
--All office automation equipment for CPA personnel, to include laptop computer systems, printers, scanners, fax machines, copiers, storage cabinets, video cameras, color projects and shredders.

G. Force protection and physical security equipment  
--Provision and installation of force protection and physical security equipment, chemical defense equipment.  
--Capability to construct or install barriers, berms, fighting positions and other passive defensive measures.

H. Non-tactical vehicles (NTV) and transportation motor pool support  
--Support of and responsibility for operation and maintenance of such vehicles

I. Retail fuel support  
--Fuel support (includes dispensing and storage) for all assigned equipment and vehicles.

J. Equipment maintenance  
--Establishment and operation of a Transportation Motor Pool with responsibility for providing, performing and managing all maintenance operations for all assigned CPA equipment.

K. Transportation operations  
--Coordination of transportation requirements in support of CPA, to include movement of personnel, supplies and

equipment. Note that the contract does NOT provide assistance in ticketing CPA travelers on commercial airlines nor on visa issues. Embassy Kuwait's Iraq Support Unit can help with commercial ticketing for CPA travelers passing through the Federal Deployment Center (FDC) Kuwait, given at least three working days' notice. Note: All travelers must ensure they comply with Kuwaiti Immigration Requirements (ref c).

--Set-up and operation of an air movement control operations hub coordinating movement of cargo and passengers, via military aircraft between Kuwait and Iraq. Note: Travelers must obtain country clearance and travel authorization from CPA first.

**L. Power generation**

--Capability of providing power generation for CPA operations and doing preventive maintenance checks and services, to include testing, adjusting and repair of the power generation equipment.

**M. Property accountability and supply operations**

--Maintenance of records and accountability for government equipment and supplies and contractor procured equipment and supplies.

**N. Control, accountability & maintenance for property & supplies**

--Responsible for establishing a supply room and for procuring, receiving, inventorying, controlling and issuing of USG owned equipment and supplies that are required or used by CPA.

**O. Control, accountability & maintenance of arms and ammunition**

--Controlling and accounting for all USG owned 9mm semi-automatic pistols and 9mm ammunition, to include maintenance of the pistols.

**P. Vector control**

--Performance of all pest control functions, to include animals, to keep the base camps, containers and contractor maintained facilities pest free.

**Q. Waste management**

--Management and daily disposal of all waste and provides refuse containers as required.

**R. Morale, welfare and recreation support**

--As a minimum, provision of fitness equipment and a small theater with large screen TV and DVD player.

**S. Interpreter/translator support**

--Interpreter/translator at required locations.

**T. Hair care services**

--Hair care services at required locations for male and female personnel.

**U. Fire protection**

--Fire protection and fire management services at all CPA facilities.

--Provision and maintenance of fire extinguishers and smoke detectors.

**V. Postal services**

--Collection, transport and delivery of mail between the APO and CPA sites.

**X. Helicopter maintenance and support**

--Set-up, provision of power, maintenance and repair of designated heliport and adjacent aviation operations centers.

**3. The Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA)-Middle East at Camp Doha, Kuwait provides oversight of DOD (Army) LOGCAP contract's task orders in Kuwait. DCMA -Middle East tells us that -- assuming U.S. Forces remain in Kuwait after CPA is replaced by Embassy Baghdad -- the contractor services noted above are expected to continue to be provided under contracts administered by DOD, for Title 10 Support of Military Forces moving in and out of Kuwait and Iraq. A partial list of U.S. contractors currently providing services in Kuwait, not necessarily overseen by DCMA, includes Kellogg Brown & Root (KBR), DynCorp, ITT, and Combat Support Associates (CSA), with KBR and CSA being the companies with the most personnel.**

**4. DCMA-Middle East estimates (based upon contract provided data) that there are about 1710 U.S. contract employees and about 272 third country national employees working in Kuwait under the LOGCAP prime contract awarded to KBR. The sub-contractor workforce consists of about 3350 third country nationals.**

**5. Per U.S. Army Central Command (ARCENT) Army Contracting Agency-SWA-Kuwait, CSA has a workforce of about 1,190 U.S.**

civilians and about 1,650 third country nationals providing logistical and administrative support (not under LOGCAP) to ARCENT in Kuwait.

16. Post is unable to accurately determine from ARCENT and DCMA the number of non-KBR and CSA contractors operating in Iraq/Kuwait, as neither organization has oversight over those contractors/companies and their parent organizations are unknown to post. However, it is estimated that this number could be in the several hundreds.

17. It is also difficult to estimate the number of transient CPA personnel and contractors moving through Kuwait to/from Iraq. Note also that, for contractors who cross the border regularly, e.g., truck drivers, it can be hard to determine whether they are transient or resident in Kuwait. Different Government of Kuwait paperwork is required for the two categories; this has already led to intensive Embassy involvement to ensure respect for Kuwaiti laws. See Ref A, which seeks to clarify status of U.S. contract personnel working for CPA in Kuwait.

18. Ref B alerted Department on possible options for the continued operation of the CPA FDC in Kuwait, in case the 2 person uniformed coordinating cell supervising that office goes away when CPA Baghdad is replaced by Embassy Baghdad.

19. CPA Contracting Activity advises that its current plan is to transition active CPA contracts to the new State Department entity in Iraq. However, this transition does not include the contracts under control of CPA's Project Management Office (PMO). Post is not aware of any plan to transition any CPA contracts to Embassy Kuwait when CPA Baghdad is replaced by Embassy Baghdad.

110. Baghdad minimize considered.

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